

THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Strong Plea to the People of the State.

"To the People of Florida:

"On behalf of the Jamestown commission, we submit to you that we are without funds. That we must rely upon the spontaneous response of the public-spirited people. That Florida should be among the bright galaxy of the southern states that will shine in the national sisterhood at Jamestown.

"The time is short within which anything may be accomplished. That we must call upon you for volunteers to come up and help in this crisis. That we estimate \$50,000 would enable Florida to have representation at this great exposition. That twice this amount is needed to make the state show to her best advantage. That Florida can doubtless make a better showing on less expense than perhaps any other state in the union; therefore, we make this appeal to every patriotic citizen of the state who sees this article.

"We ask you to form a committee of your own, to get in touch with some one of this commission, do not wait for us to reach you personally, but we ask every man, woman and child in Florida to get to work.

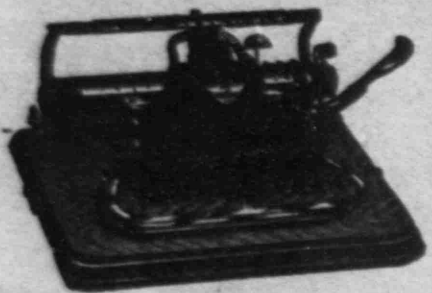
"As you feel a pride in your own state, if you wish to have her represented at this great exposition, get to work now and send us your subscription and ask for a subscription list, for in doing so you will place yourself on the honor roll and will help to lighten the burden which rests upon us all. Unless there shall be subscribed as much as \$25,000 under this call then the commission feels it is not justified in pursuing the matter any further, and will so report to the legislature at its meeting in April. All who desire to subscribe will please notify Mrs. K. L. Eagan, vice president of the commission, at No. 216 West Forsyth street, Jacksonville, Fla., so that a record may be kept of the amounts subscribed."

"Respectfully,
"Thomas J. L. Brown,
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LEGENDARY DEVICES.

How Strange Animals Appeared in Heraldry in Old Days.

Early writers on natural history subjects make mention of many strange creatures that never could have existed save in the superstitious mind of the age in which they wrote, and of the many that did exist the accounts of their structure and habits are so ludicrous that one may really wonder if it was possible, even in the middle ages, that people could be so credulous. Many of these strangely garbled records of the animal world were, no doubt, due to travelers' tales and probably had a certain foundation in fact, but it is difficult indeed to account for the creation of such things as the phoenix, the cockatrice, the wyvern, the griffin and the dragon. The belief in the existence of the unicorn may have originated from the fact of some of the early African travelers meeting with certain antelopes that had lost a horn, for it is a peculiarity with most antelopes that their horns are never shed and if injured or broken never grow again.

The horn, growing out of the forehead, betwixt the eyelids, is neither light nor hollow nor yet smooth like other horns, but hard as iron, rough as any file, revolved into many plights; sharper than any dart, straight and not crooked and everywhere black, except at the point.

Bartholomew asserted that there were many varieties of unicorn, and this would be feasible if this creature had been created from those horned beasts that had accidentally lost one of the horns.

How the phoenix was called into being it would be impossible to hazard a guess. It was popularly supposed that there was only one such creature existing in the whole universe and that there was only one tree in which it built its nest. We find mention of the phoenix as far back as Pliny, who says, "Howbeit, I cannot tell what to make of him; and, first of all, whether it be a tale or no, that is never but one of them in the whole world, and the same not commonly seen."

In the fifteenth century we find Bartholomew writing of this imaginary bird:

"Phoenix is a large bird, and there is but one that kind in all the wide world, therefore lewd men wonder thereof. Phoenix is a bird without mate (mate) and liveth 800 or 500 years. When the which years he passed she feeleth her default and feebleness and maketh a nest of sweet smelling sticks that be full dry, and in summer when the western wind bloweth the sticks and the nest be set on fire with burning heat of the sun and burneth strongly."

The bird then allows itself to be reduced to ashes in this fire—on this point all the writers agree—and in due course rises again from the ashes in the full glory of renewed youth "and is the most fairest bird that is, most like to the peacock in feathers, and loveth wilderness and gathereth his meat of clean greens and fruits."

The basilisk, or cockatrice, was reputed to be some strange mixture of a bird and serpent, able to slay with his breath and his sight, which power was accredited by some to dragons.—Westminster Gazette.

A Persistent Nest Builder.

One of the most energetic nest builders is the marsh wren; in fact, he has the habit to such a degree that he cannot stop with one nest, but goes on building four or five in rapid succession. And there is nothing slovenly about his work either. Look among the cattails in the nearest marsh, even within the limits of a great city, and you will find his little woven balls of reed stems, with a tiny round hole in one side. There is a certain method even in his madness, for the nest in which his wife is brooding her seven or eight eggs is less likely to be found when there are so many empty ones around. Then, too, he uses the others as roosting places for himself.—Recreation.

Played by the Wind.

The natives of North Borneo convert a long bamboo into an Aeolian harp by cutting slots in the bamboo above each joint, setting it up so as to easily turn on its axis and keeping the apertures constantly facing the wind by means of a rudder or fantail similar to that used on an American windmill. The music from this harp on a windy day is most pleasing, the notes from the larger holes giving a deep organ tone unapproached by any other instrument.

Willing to Chance It.

"The man who marries my daughter," said her proud father after telling the young man that there was no hope for him, "must have strength of character. He must have fortitude, he must have courage, he must be able to bear misfortune."

"I know it," the boy replied. "I know it before you said so, but even at that I'd be willing to take a chance on her."

Discouraging.

"What!" exclaimed Crittick. "Going on the lecture platform, are you?" "Yes," replied the conceited young author; "that is just to give readings from my own works, you know." "But suppose you should prove to be a poor reader too. It would be a double frost."—Philadelphia Ledger.

News to Her.

Mrs. James—My husband is a conservative. Mrs. Johns—Indeed! Why, I had no idea he was in that business. Does he have a large—or-conservative?—Cleveland Leader.

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